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A "COUNTY HALL" TO CALL THEIR OWN: FLORENCE-FIRESTONE RESIDENTS' NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION EFFORTS CULMINATE WITH NEW SERVICE CENTER PROVIDING ACCESS TO LOCAL COUNTY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (June 20, 2010) --- Celebrating the culmination of neighborhood revitalization efforts in the Florence-Firestone community, local residents will be joined by Los Angeles Supervisors Gloria Molina and Mark Ridley-Thomas in dedicating their very own "County Hall" – Florence-Firestone Community Service Center offering accessible and local county and social services. The Center also features "Short Stories," a four-part mural by artist Willie Robert Middlebrook adorning entry lobby, shows human faces combined with illustrations of plant and animal life and landmarks in the Florence-Firestone community.

WHAT: Florence-Firestone Community Service Center and "County Hall" Dedication and Unveiling of "Short Stories" Mural

WHEN: Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 11 a.m.

WHERE: 7807 S. Compton Avenue, L.A. 90001 (south of Florence)

WHO:

- Supervisors Gloria Molina and Mark Ridley-Thomas
- Florence-Firestone Residents
- County Agencies

HOW: The \$5.4 million facility, is equipped with a computer learning lab, conference rooms, a state-of-the-art multipurpose room with full use kitchen and fitness room with exercise equipment. The "Short Stories" mural's digital images were transferred to archival cotton canvas using archival pigment to create a surface that looks like a painting. In addition to their respective constituent services offices, Supervisors Molina and Ridley-Thomas, have secured Community and Senior Services, Consumer Affairs, Registrar-Recorder, Senior Services and employment placement offices at the Center. Residents can obtain:

- Birth/Marriage Certificates and Passport Services
- Community and Seniors Services – and Elder Care Programs
- Computer Classes and Freelance Use
- Consumer and Fraud Prevention Assistance, Mediation and Conflict Resolution Services
- Dial-a-Ride and Transportation Assistance
- Emergency Food and Utility Bill Assistance
- English as a Second Language Classes
- Food Distribution Services and Food Nutrition Management Services
- Home Ownership Information Assistance
- Job Referrals and Training
- Nutrition Education and Fitness Training Workshops
- Senior Citizen Food Services and Job Training Services

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